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Journey to the East

THE DESTRUCTIX!

NOW THAT WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, THERE'S SOMETHING WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

**PREDATOR HAWK
AERIAL MENACE**

**MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND**

**PRINCESS SALLY
F.F. LEADER**

**FIONA FOX
F.F. TRAITOR**

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS**

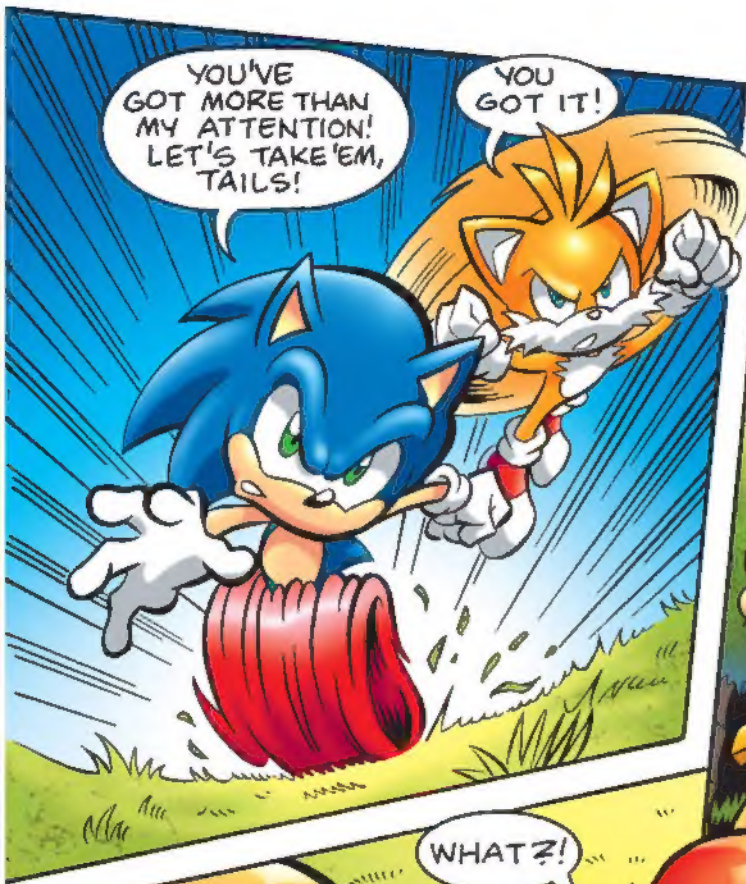
**MONKEY KHAN
CYBORG SIMIAN**

**FLYING FROG
NUTCASE**

**SGT. SIMIAN
TACTICAL BRUISER**

Part Three:
**No Love
in a
CONQUERING
STORM**

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YOU'VE GOT MORE THAN MY ATTENTION! LET'S TAKE 'EM, TAILS!

YOU GOT IT!



FOLLOW THEIR LEAD, KEN! TAKE DOWN THE GORILLA!

O-O-KAY?



WHAT?!

NOTHING! LET'S KICK SOME BUTT!

I JUST DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN YOU THIS EAGER FOR A FIGHT...





YOU'RE FAST, BUT NOT AS FAST AS-- HEY!

SPINY-WHIRLY! BRAUNNY? GIRLY!

WHAT?!



IF YOU'RE SO TOUGH, LET'S SEE YOU HIT ME WHEN I'M READY FOR YOU!

BOTHERSOME BIT OF PREY, AREN'T YOU?



HI THERE, COUSIN.

WE ARE OF NO RELATION.

NO, SEE, YOU'RE AN APE AND I'M A MONKEY, SO...

NEVERMIND.



THINK YOU CAN HANDLE ME, PRINCESS?

I WAS SAVING YOU FOR MYSELF!

WELL TOO BAD, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T COME ALL THIS WAY FOR A FIGHT.



YEAH, RIGHT! THE ONLY TIME WE SEE YOU JOKERS IS WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE ME A BLACK EYE.

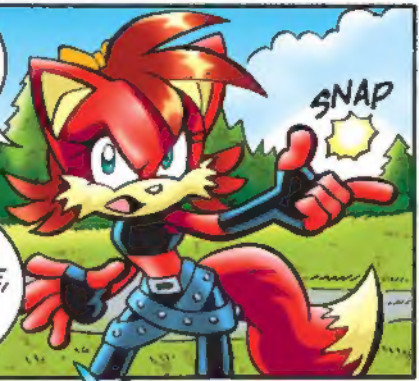


STOP! DESIST! YIELD! NO MORE NOOGIE-BOOGIE-WOOGIE!



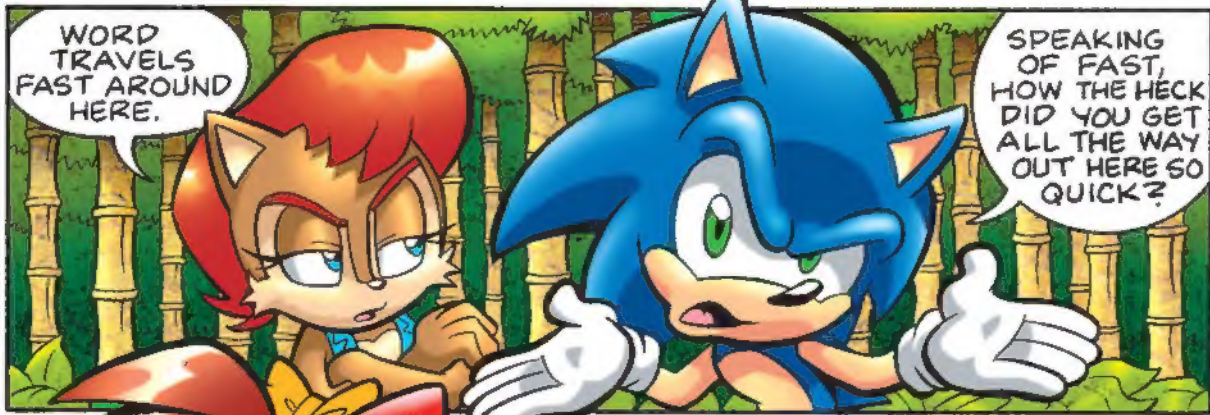
I MEAN IT! FUN TIME'S OVER, BOYS! PACK IT IN!

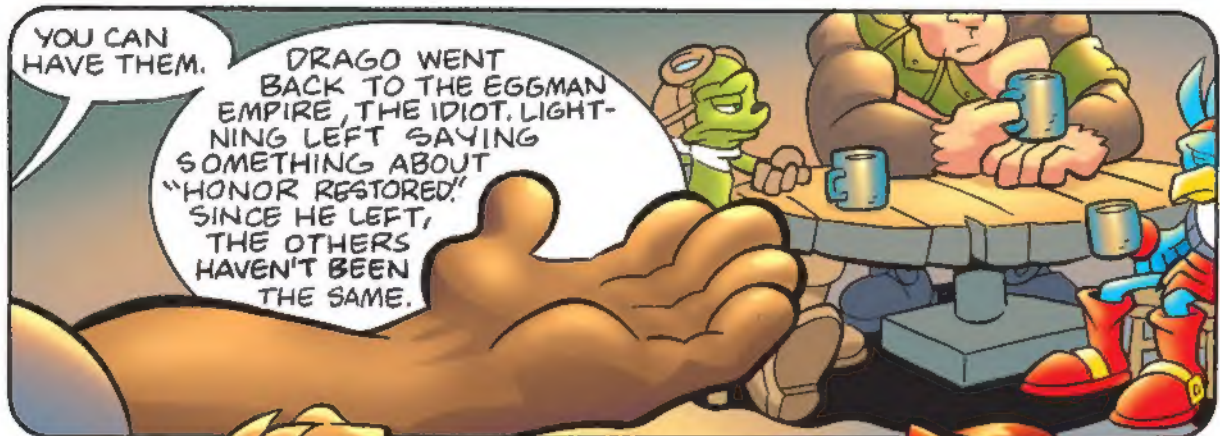
IF YOU'RE NOT HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE, THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT?

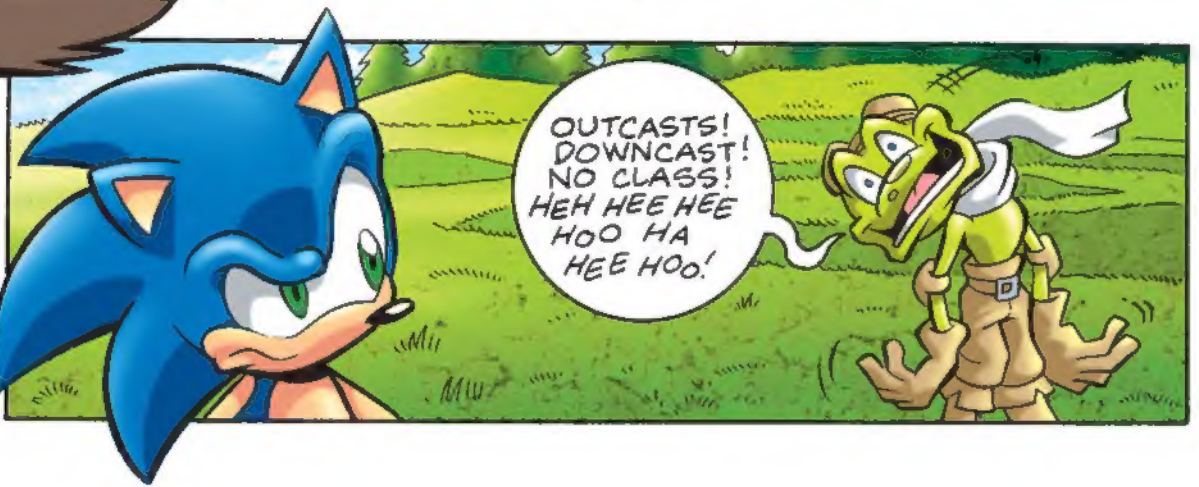
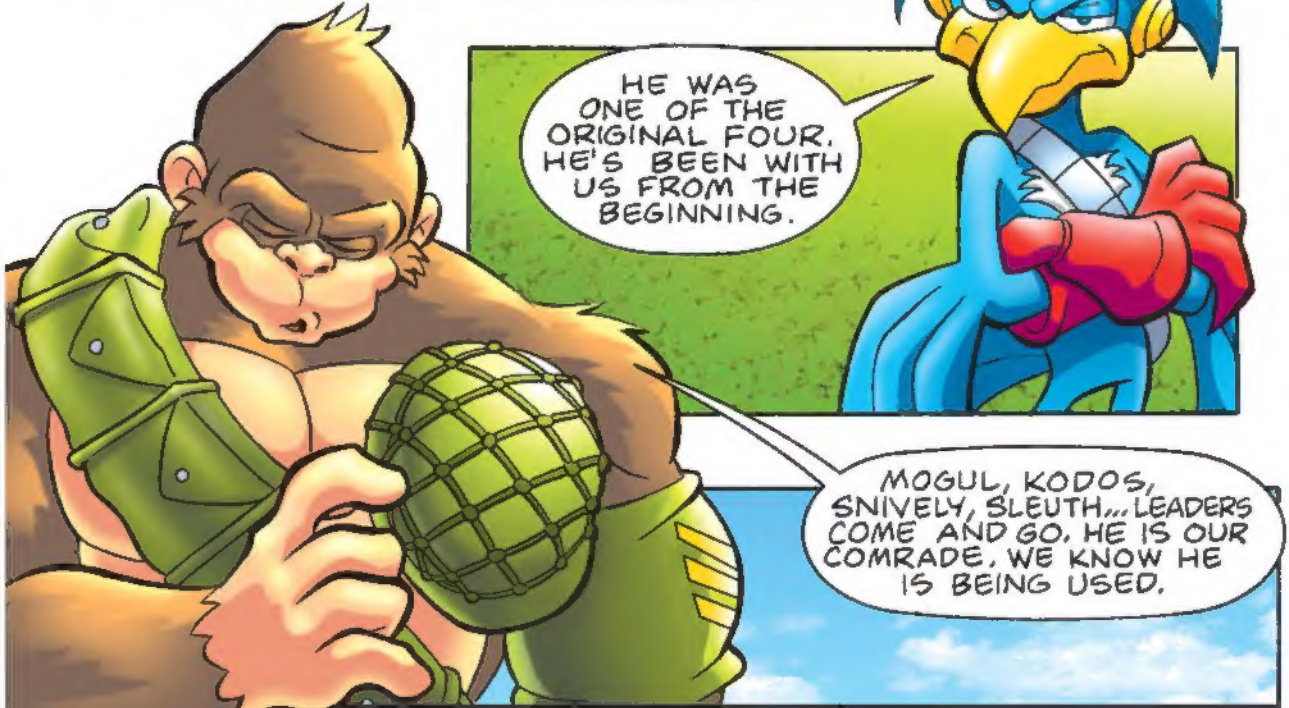
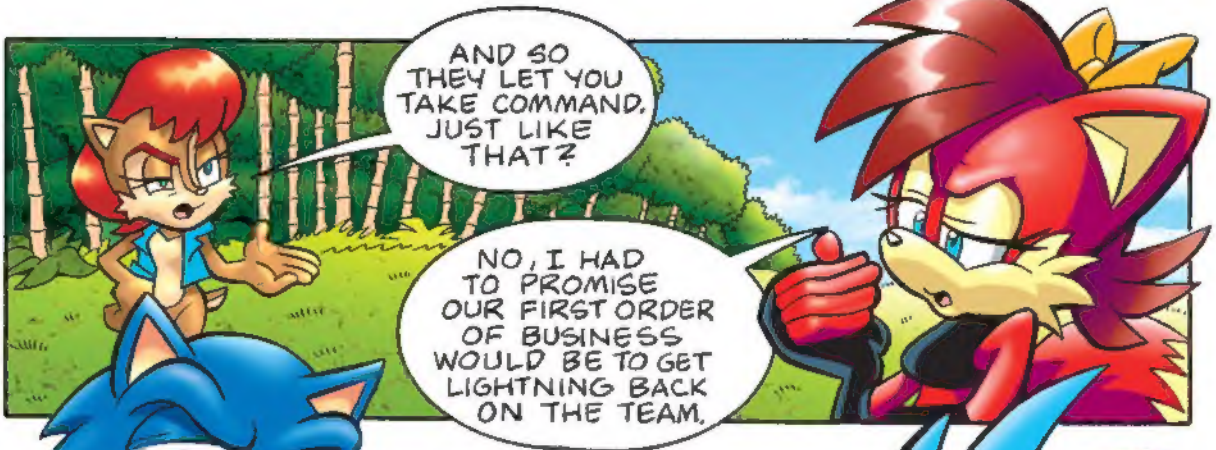


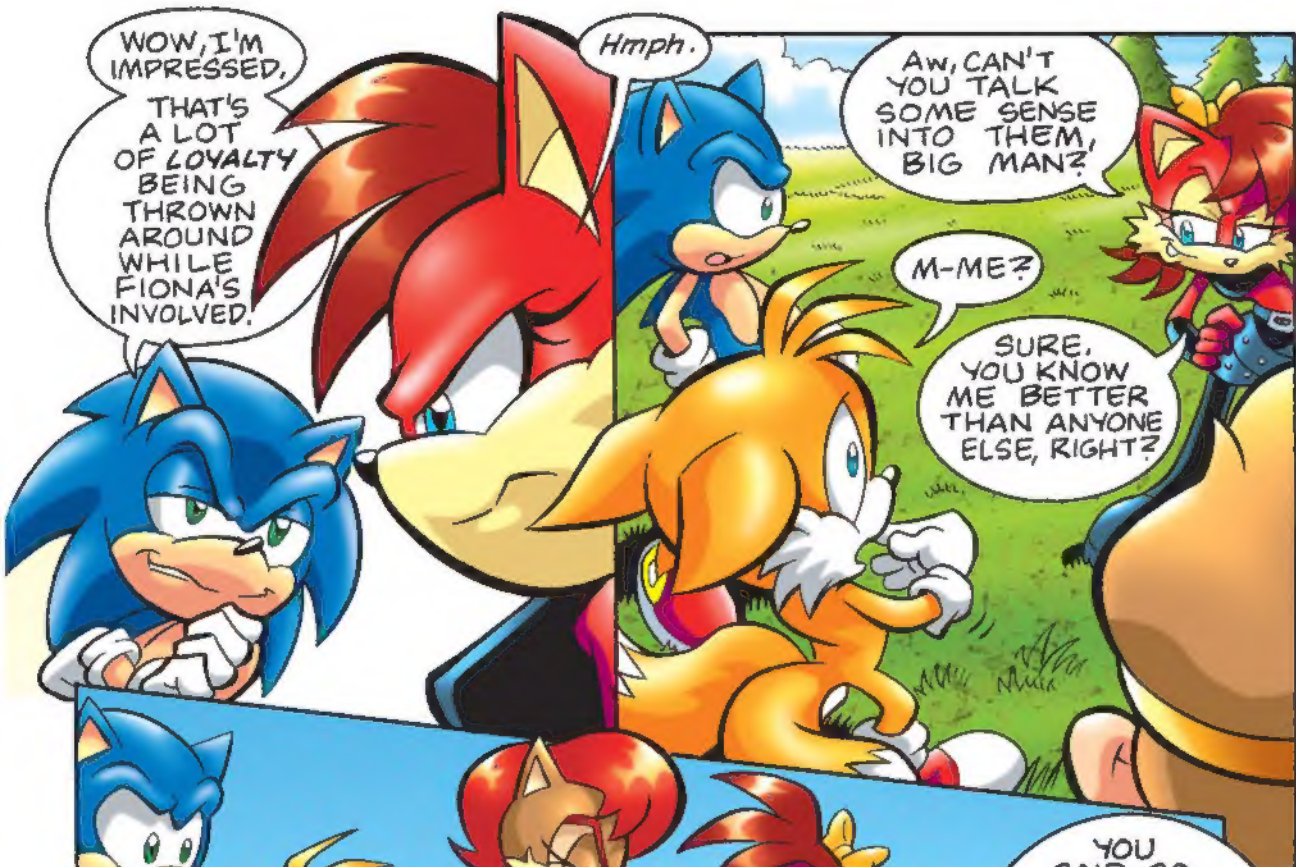
OH, WE'RE HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE, BUT WHEN WE GOT WORD THAT YOU GUYS WERE IN THE AREA WE CAME TO RECRUIT YOU INTO THE FUN.











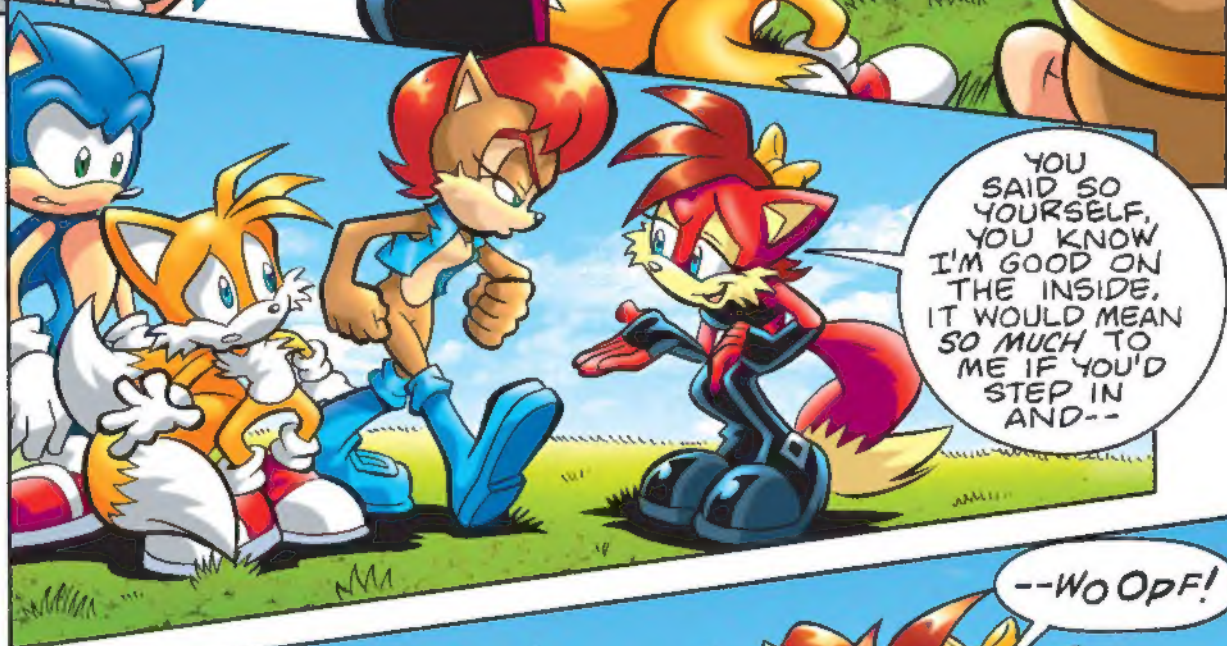
WOW, I'M IMPRESSED. THAT'S A LOT OF LOYALTY BEING THROWN AROUND WHILE FIONA'S INVOLVED.

Hmph.

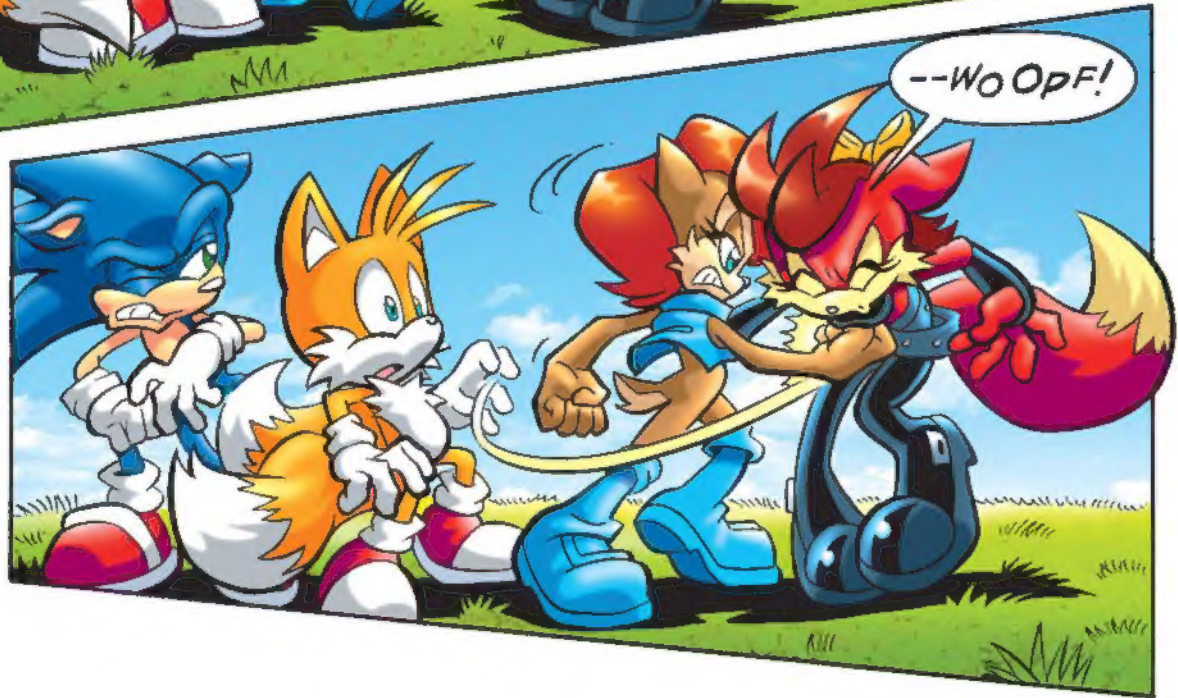
AW, CAN'T YOU TALK SOME SENSE INTO THEM, BIG MAN?

M-ME?

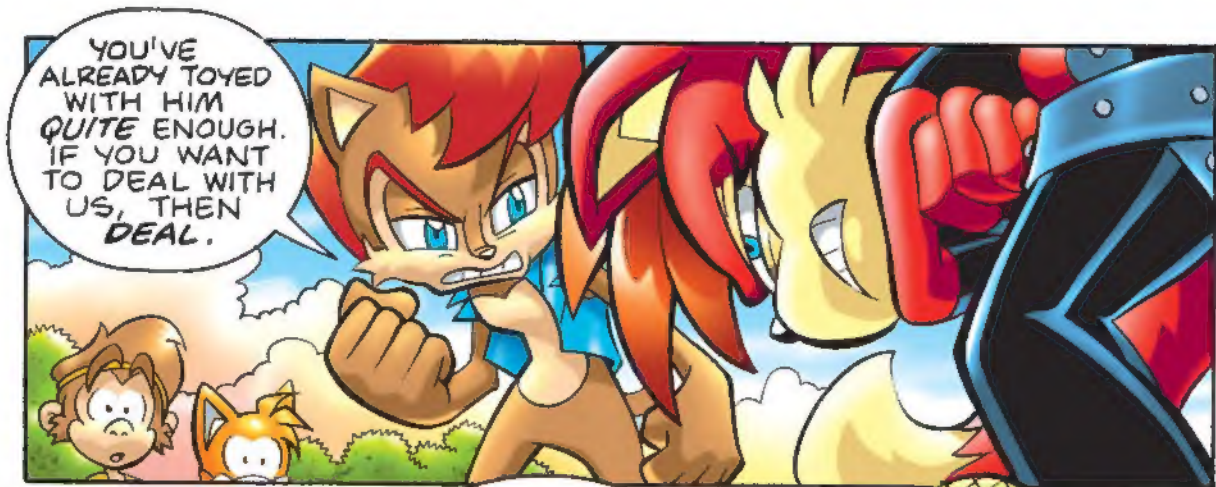
SURE, YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE, RIGHT?



YOU SAID SO YOURSELF, YOU KNOW I'M GOOD ON THE INSIDE, IT WOULD MEAN SO MUCH TO ME IF YOU'D STEP IN AND--



--Wo OpF!



WE WANT LIGHTNING RETURNED,

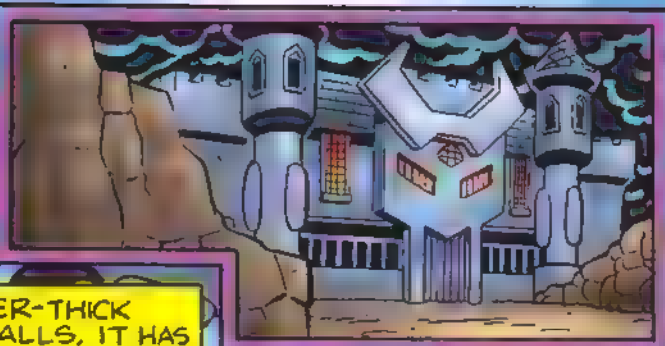
WE WANT HIS CLAN TO RENOUNCE THE IRON QUEEN.

THEN THE TERMS ARE AGREED UPON.

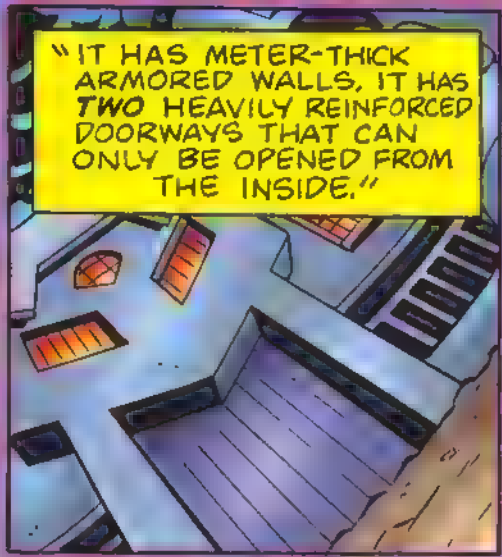


AND THIS IS WHY I'M IN CHARGE AND BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER. I HAVE A PLAN.

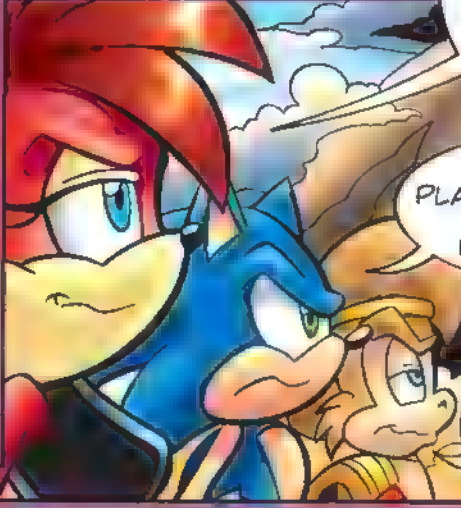
"THE IRON FORTRESS-- THE FORMER HOME OF THE IRON KING AND QUEEN.



BUT FROM THERE IT'S A STRAIGHT SHOT TO THE THRONE ROOM AND THE RAJU CLAN'S BRIDE,



"IT HAS METER-THICK ARMORED WALLS. IT HAS TWO HEAVILY REINFORCED DOORWAYS THAT CAN ONLY BE OPENED FROM THE INSIDE."



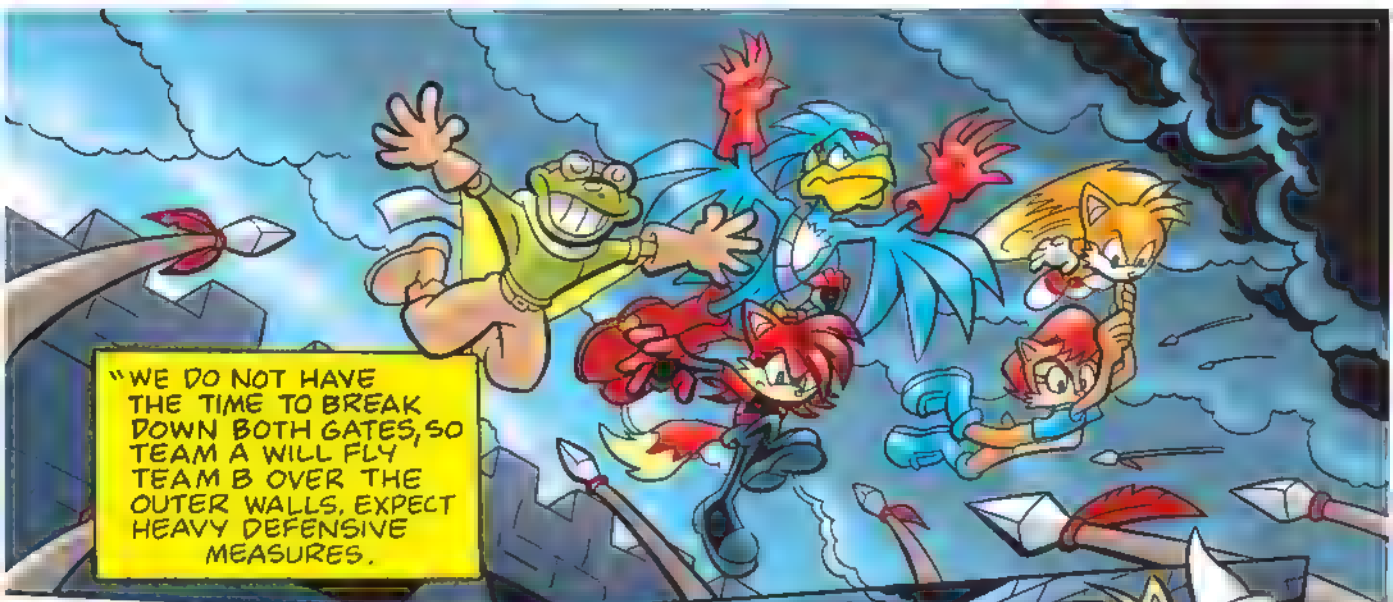
MAN, THIS PLACE IS UGLIER THAN I REMEMBERED.

THEN THE DOORS WILL JUST HAVE TO GO, WON'T THEY?

WELL, THEN-- SHALL WE INVITE OURSELVES IN?

REMEMBER THE PLAN...





"WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO BREAK DOWN BOTH GATES, SO TEAM A WILL FLY OVER THE OUTER WALLS, EXPECT HEAVY DEFENSIVE MEASURES."

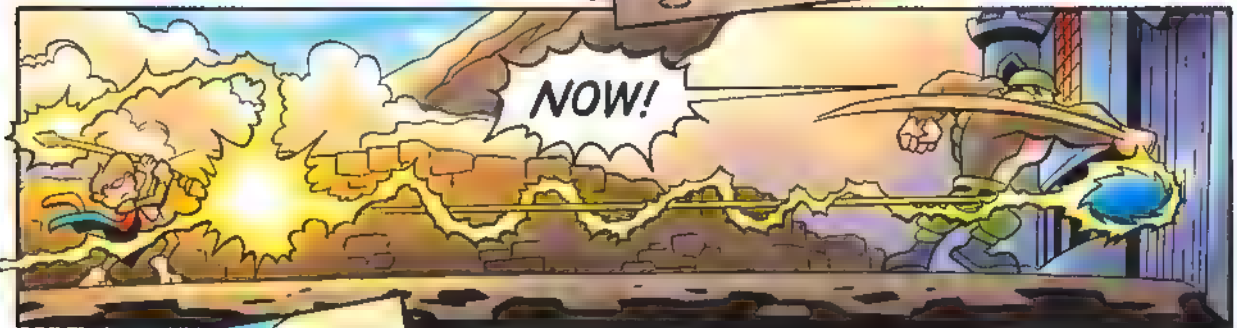
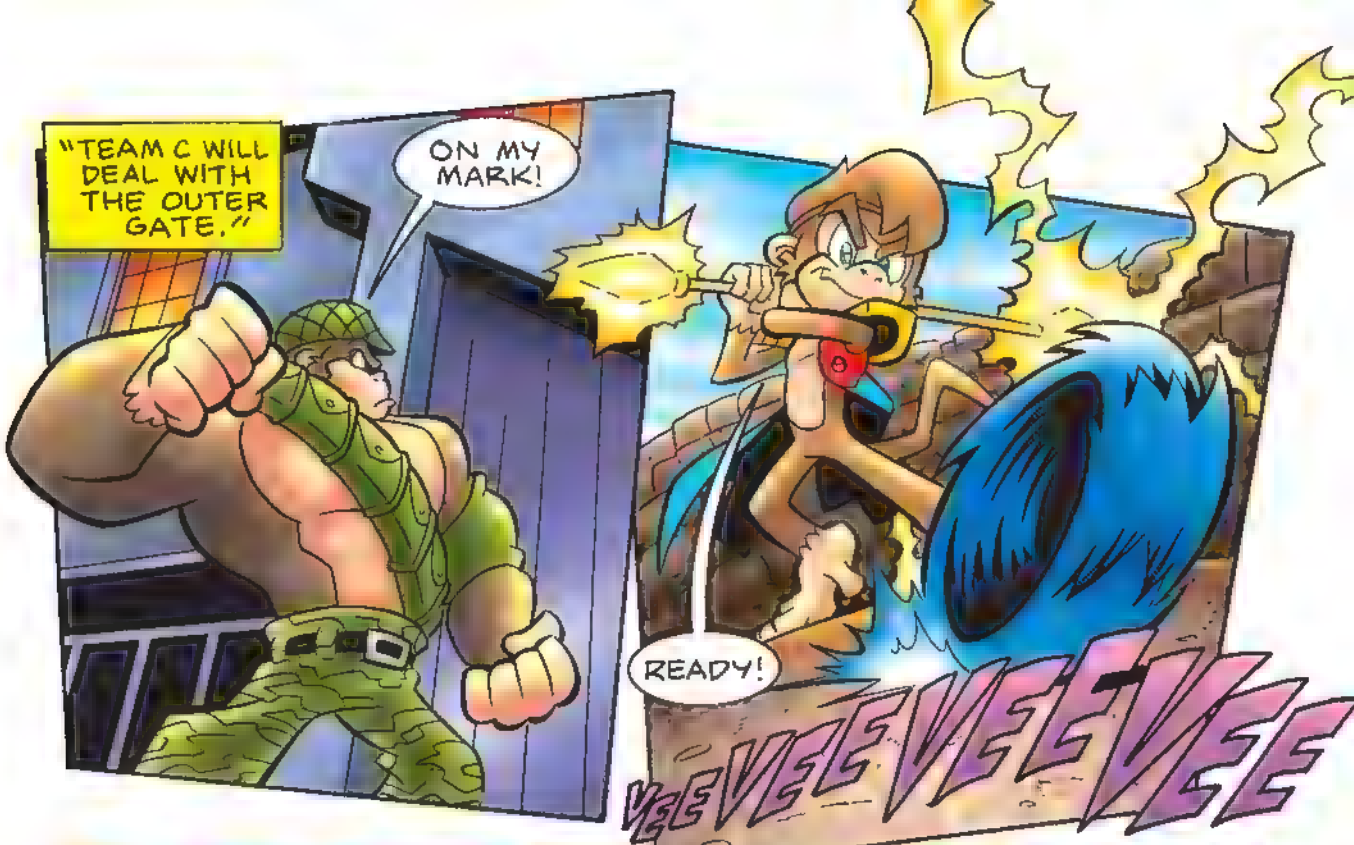
"TEAM A WILL THEN MOVE TO ENGAGE THE INITIAL WAVE OF NINJA..."

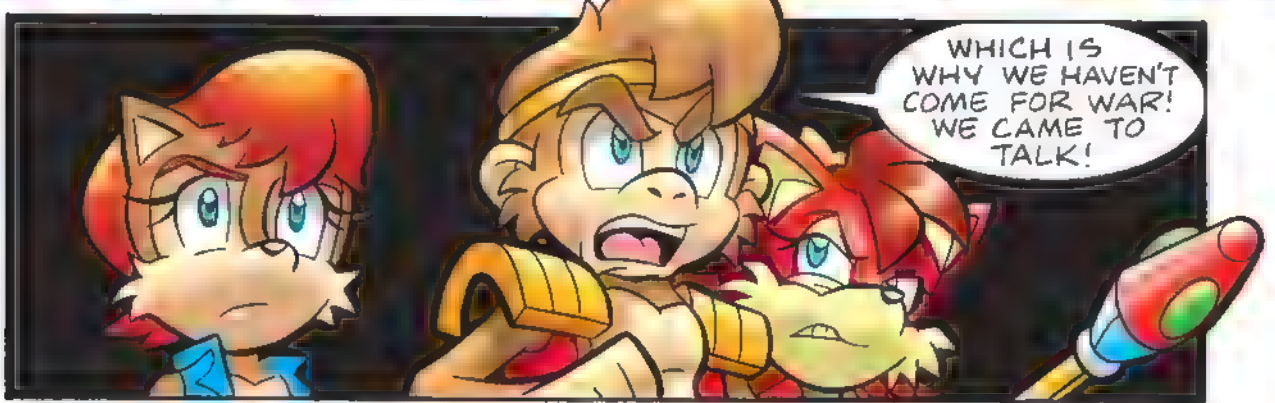
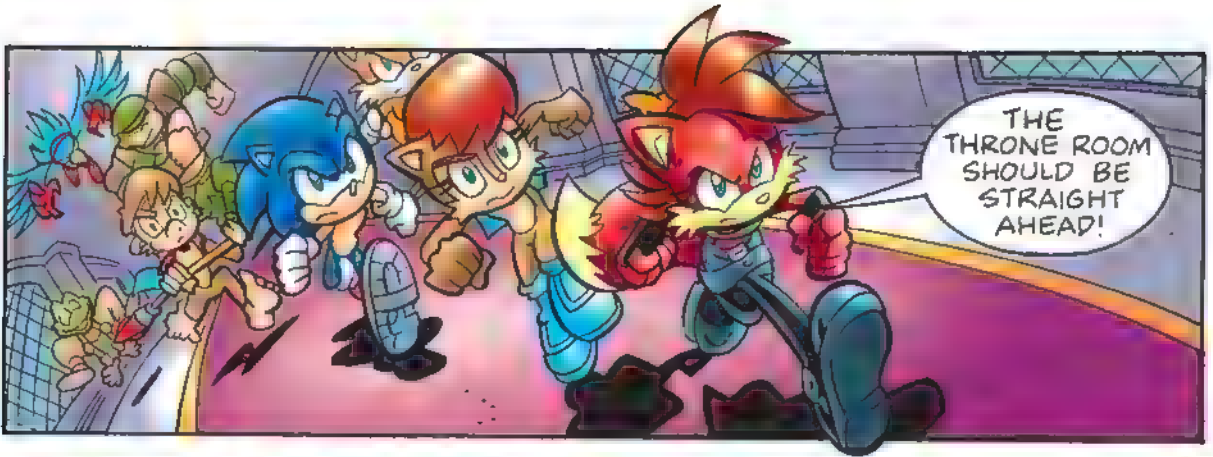
"...WHILE TEAM B DISENGAGES THE INNER GATE."

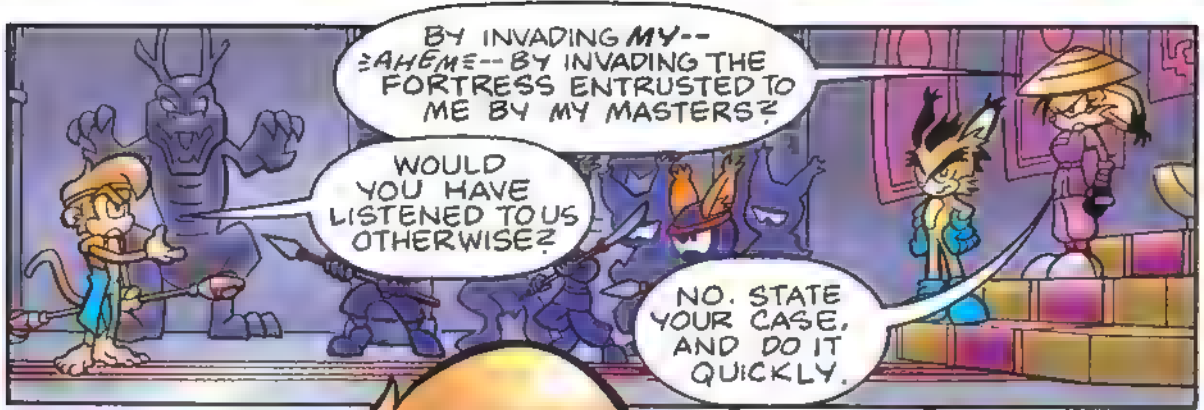
Heh-- JUST LIKE OLD TIMES WHEN I WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER, huh, PRINCESS?

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN ON THE TEAM, BUT YOU WERE NEVER A FREEDOM FIGHTER.









BY INVADING MY--
=AH= BY INVADING THE
FORTRESS ENTRUSTED TO
ME BY MY MASTERS?

WOULD
YOU HAVE
LISTENED TO US
OTHERWISE?

NO. STATE
YOUR CASE,
AND DO IT
QUICKLY.



BREAK AWAY
FROM THE IRON
DOMINION!

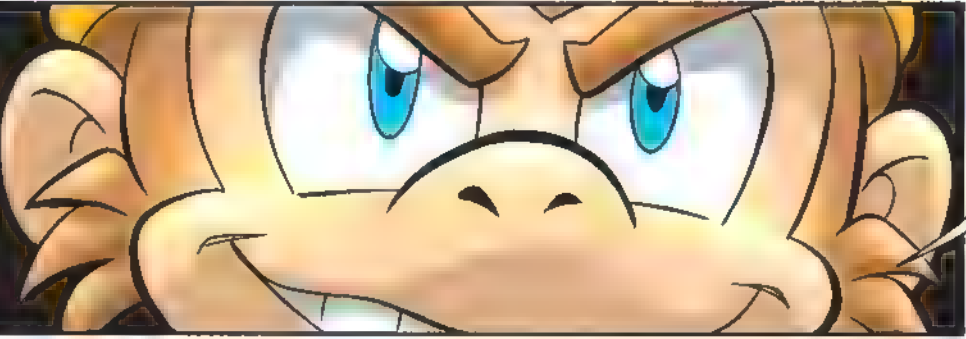
AS KING OF
THE FREE PEOPLE,
ON MY WORD OF HONOR,
I PROMISE TO UPHOLD
YOUR RIGHT TO YOUR
LANDS. I'LL LET YOU
KEEP THE IRON FORTRESS
TOO.



YOU'LL
"LET US" KEEP
IT? BOLD
WORDS.

BUT
WE CANNOT
BE BOUGHT
LIKE THE LOWLY
YAGYU.

WE ARE
THE MIGHTY RAIJU!
ONLY THROUGH ONE'S
STRENGTH -- THROUGH
ACTION -- DO YOU EARN
ANYTHING!



THEN
I PROPOSE
A WAGER
UPON A DUEL
OF HONOR.



SHOULD YOUR CHAMPION WIN, WE WILL SURRENDER TO YOU. WE'D BE PRISONERS FOR THE IRON QUEEN

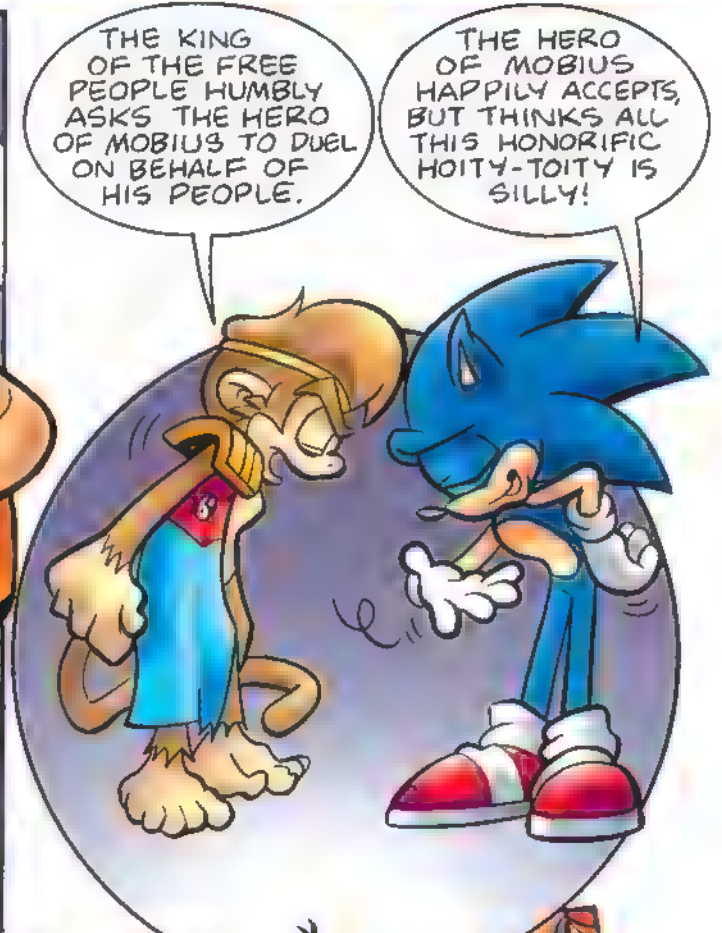


AND IF OURS IS VICTORIOUS, YOU RENOUNCE THE IRON DOMINION.

Either way, I win.

AGREED. LIGHTNING! YOU WILL FIGHT TO PROVE YOUR CONTINUED WORTH TO YOUR CLAN.

Y-YES! OF COURSE! THANK YOU!



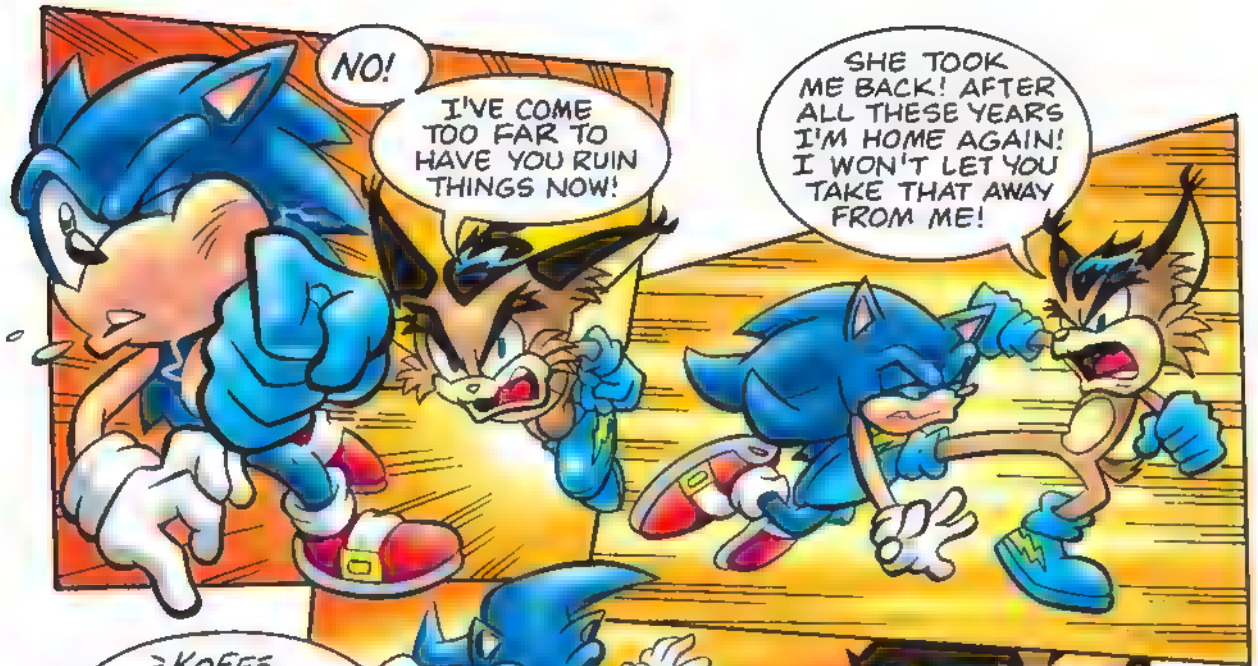
THE KING OF THE FREE PEOPLE HUMBLU ASKS THE HERO OF MOBIUS TO DUEL ON BEHALF OF HIS PEOPLE.

THE HERO OF MOBIUS HAPPILY ACCEPTS, BUT THINKS ALL THIS HONORIFIC HOITY-TOITY IS SILLY!



Y-YOU? NOT THE MONKEY...?

SORRY, FUZZ-HEAD. I'M THE HERO OF THIS ADVENTURE.



NO!

I'VE COME TOO FAR TO HAVE YOU RUIN THINGS NOW!

SHE TOOK ME BACK! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I'M HOME AGAIN! I WON'T LET YOU TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME!

☹️KOFFE
OKAY, I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD SO MUCH INVESTED IN THIS. BUT I'VE GOT A WHOLE CITY TO RESCUE.



MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY HAVE TO COME FIRST. ...I'M SORRY.

THAT WAS PATHETIC. LIGHTNING IS HENCEFORTH RAIJU NO MORE. AGAIN.



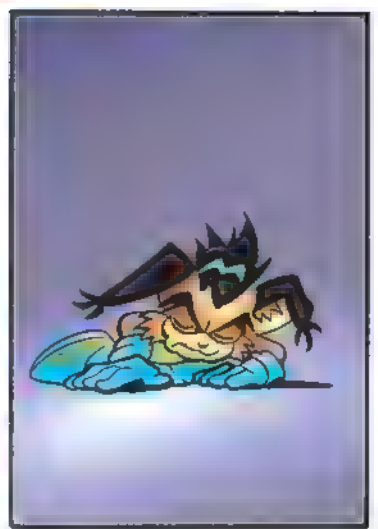
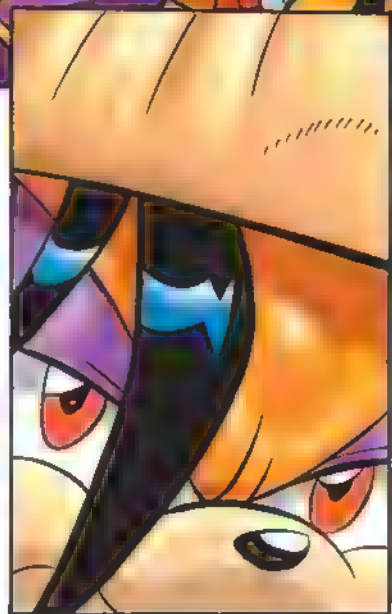
NO! WAIT! I CAN STILL BE OF USE TO YOU!

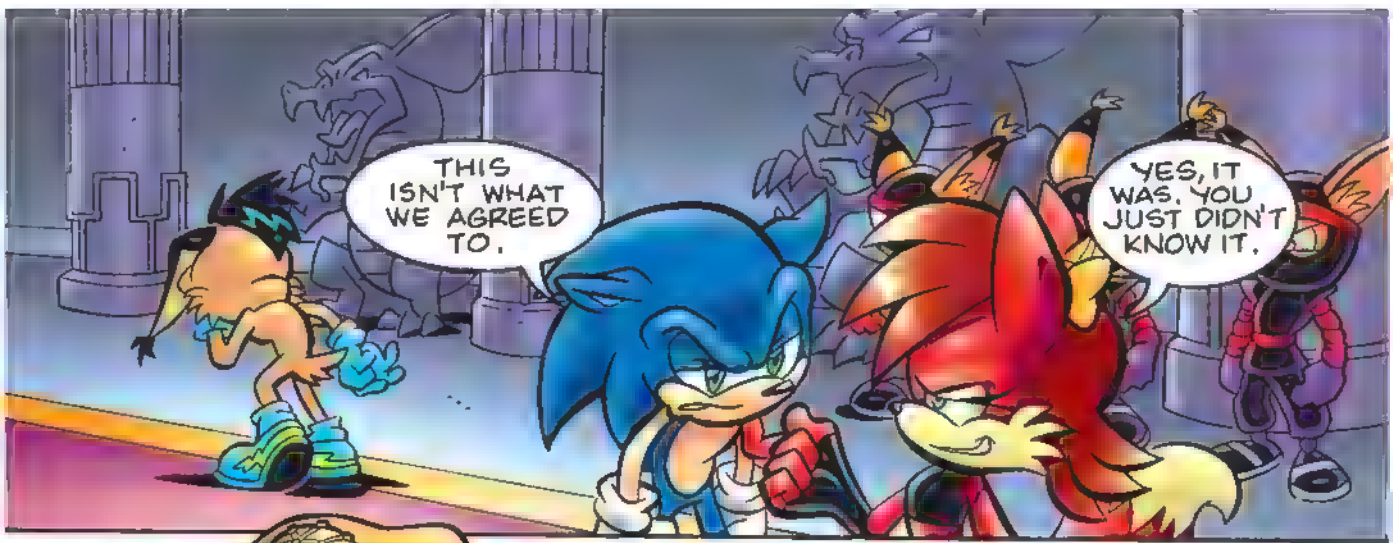
NO, YOU CAN'T.

DON'T! PLEASE! I LOVE--



DO NOT EMBARRASS YOURSELF FURTHER. THAT'S WHAT GOT YOU BANISHED THE FIRST TIME.





THIS ISN'T WHAT WE AGREED TO.

YES, IT WAS. YOU JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT.

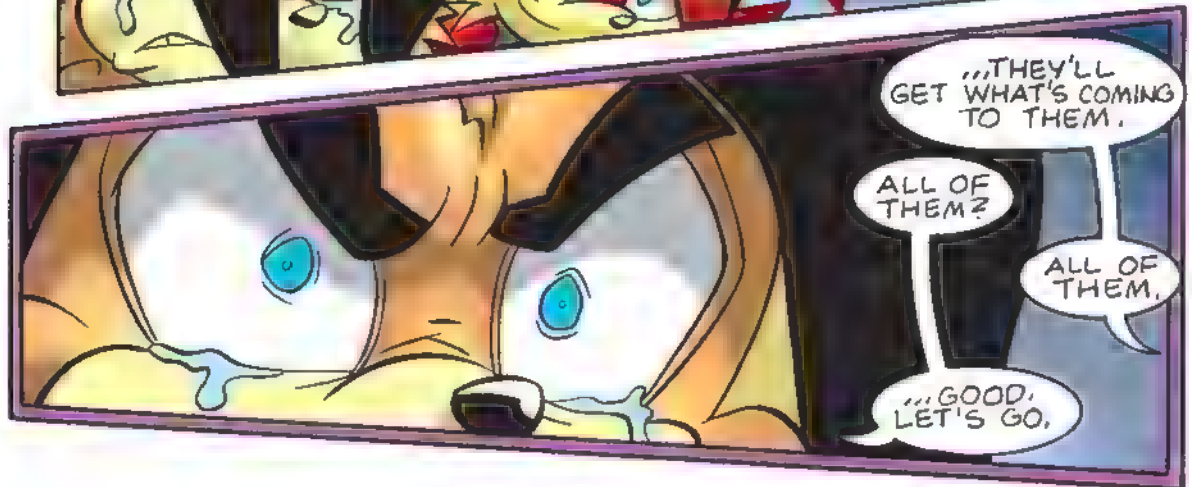


YOU WERE NEVER ONE OF THEM, YOU ARE ONE OF US.

THEY WOULD HAVE REJECTED YOU EVENTUALLY. WE WILL NOT.

ONE FOR ALL! ALL FOR ONE! SOME FOR SOME, AND FREE-FOR-ALL!

HEY, YOU'RE RUNNING WITH US NOW. AND I PROMISE YOU, WITH WHAT I'VE GOT PLANNED...



...THEY'LL GET WHAT'S COMING TO THEM.

ALL OF THEM?

ALL OF THEM.

...GOOD. LET'S GO.



THE RAIJU HAVE LOST, AND BY MY WORD OF HONOR I RENOUNCE OUR TIES TO THE IRON DOMINION. BUT THAT DOES NOT MAKE US ALLIES.

LEAVE.

DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE...

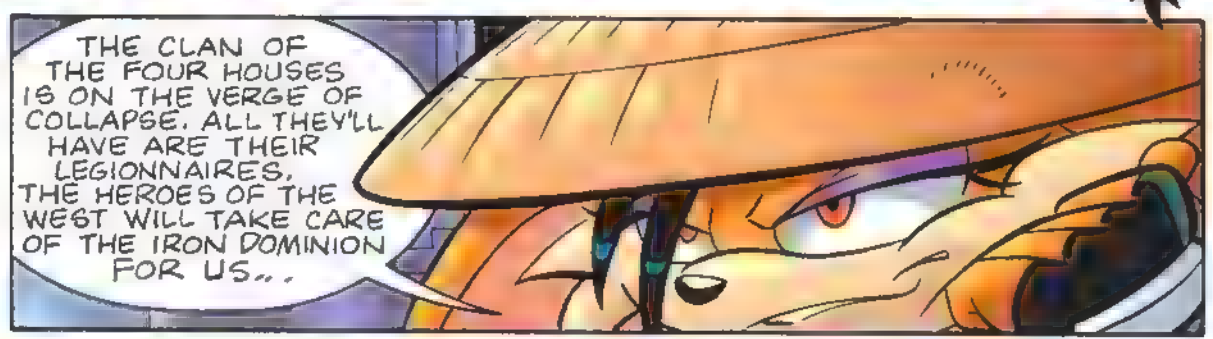


HONORED MATRON.

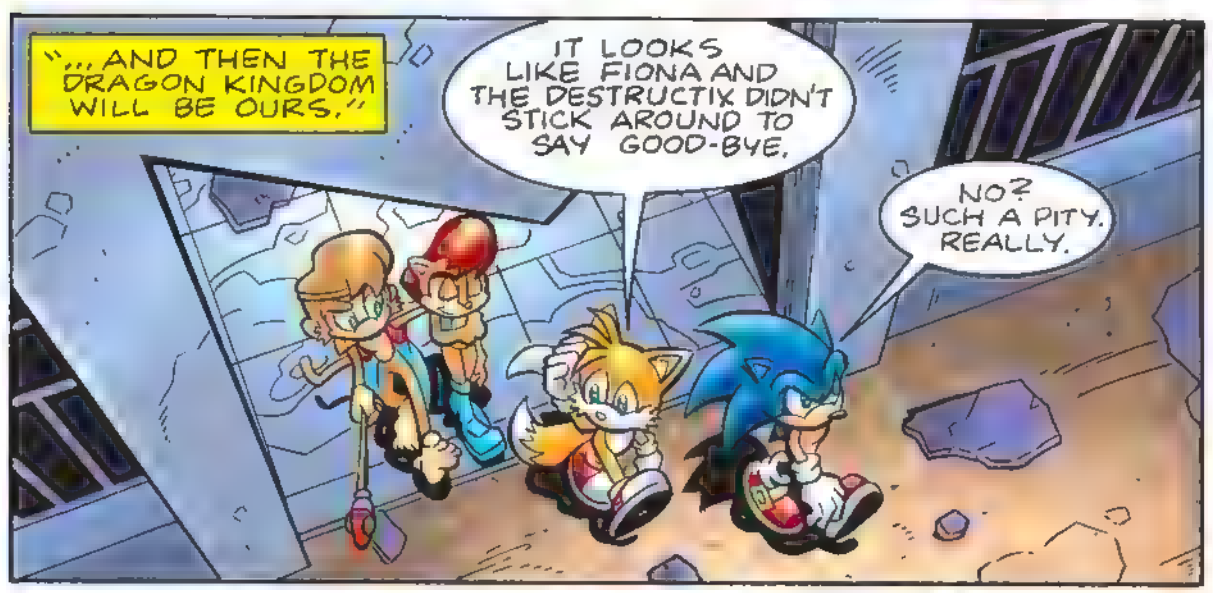
SPEAK.

WHAT WILL WE DO IF THE IRON DOMINION LEARNS OF THIS AND RETALIATES?

THEY WON'T.



THE CLAN OF THE FOUR HOUSES IS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. ALL THEY'LL HAVE ARE THEIR LEGIONNAIRES. THE HEROES OF THE WEST WILL TAKE CARE OF THE IRON DOMINION FOR US...



...AND THEN THE DRAGON KINGDOM WILL BE OURS.

IT LOOKS LIKE FIONA AND THE DESTRUCTIX DIDN'T STICK AROUND TO SAY GOOD-BYE.

NO? SUCH A PITY. REALLY.



Um... THANK YOU, SALLY. ABOUT EARLIER.

ABOUT WHAT?

ABOUT... ABOUT STOPPING FIONA. WHEN SHE WAS TEASING ME... OR WHATEVER THAT WAS.

OH! THAT! YOU'RE WELCOME!

ACTUALLY, I WAS WORRIED I MIGHT BE OVER-STEPPING MY BOUNDS. YOU'RE GETTING TO BE YOUR OWN MAN, AND I SHOULD'VE AT LEAST CONSULTED YOU ON SUCH A PERSONAL MATTER. BUT SHE'S DONE SO MUCH TO HURT YOU, I JUST...!



NO, IT'S OKAY. I UNDERSTAND.

THOUGH... I FELT A BIT BRUTISH AFTER THAT. IT'S ONE THING TO BE PROACTIVE, BUT I'M NOT A THUG.



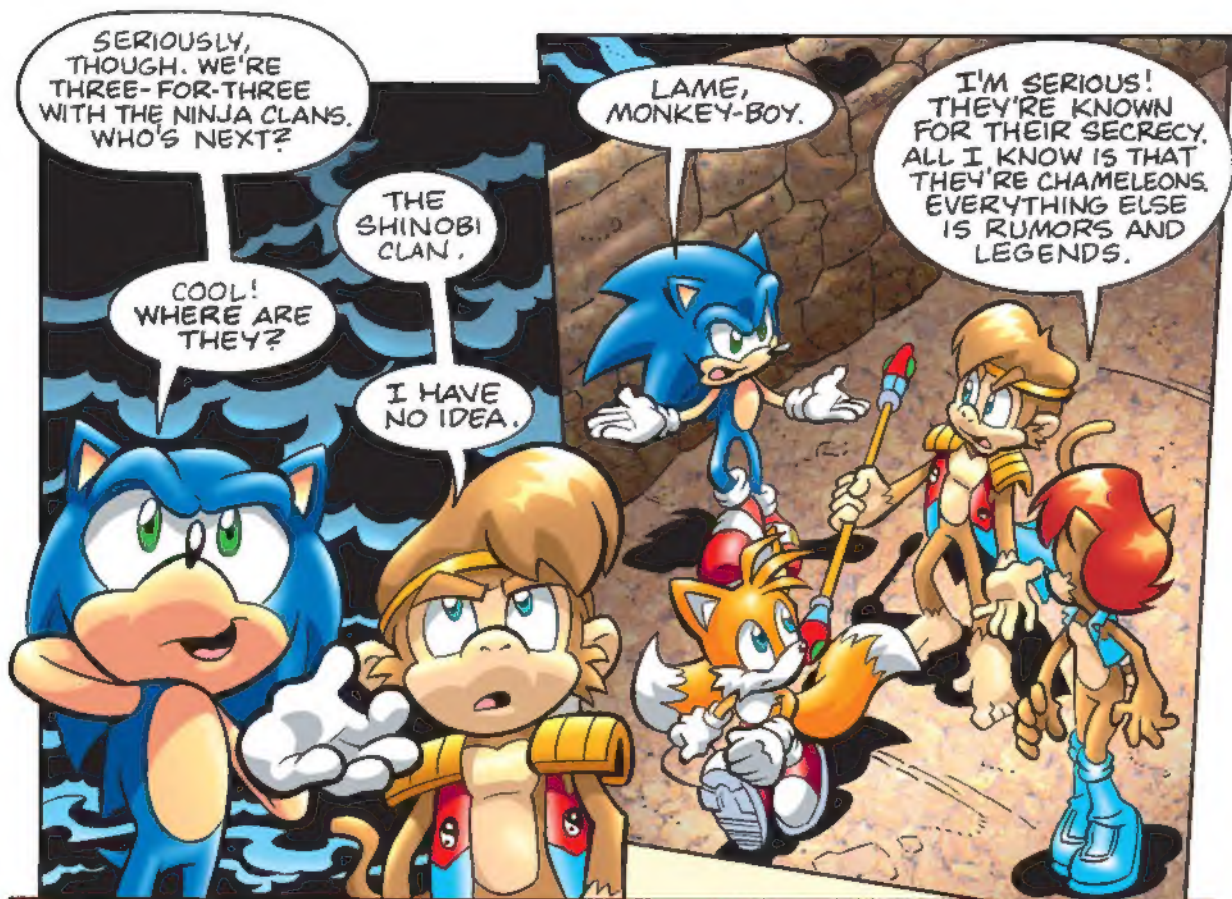
ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF HOT.

TOTALLY IN AGREEMENT THERE!



YEAH! NEXT TIME YOU SHOULD SLUG HER AGAIN!

I'm drowning in testosterone...



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH. WE'RE THREE-FOR-THREE WITH THE NINJA CLANS. WHO'S NEXT?

COOL! WHERE ARE THEY?

THE SHINOBI CLAN.

I HAVE NO IDEA.

LAME, MONKEY-BOY.

I'M SERIOUS! THEY'RE KNOWN FOR THEIR SECRECY. ALL I KNOW IS THAT THEY'RE CHAMELEONS. EVERYTHING ELSE IS RUMORS AND LEGENDS.



MAYBE IF WE COULD GET TO ANGEL ISLAND AND BORROW KNUCKLES. HE KNOWS HOW TO SPOT THEM.

NO, HE'S BUSY SAFE-GUARDING ANGEL ISLAND. BESIDES, WE CAN'T HAVE HIM EXAMINE EVERY INCH OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM.

HOW DO YOU FIND INVISIBLE PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO BE FOUND?



YOU'LL NEED A GUIDE...



...AND
A FRIEND
YOU CAN
TRUST.

Espio has returned!
But can they trust the traitor
to the Chaotix?
Mysteries are explored and
secrets revealed as we race
to the end of Sonic's
"Journey to the East!"
Don't miss the finale
next month!



**Sweeney L.
Australia**

**RAY THE
FLYING SQUIRREL**

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Alabama**



FAN FUNNIES!



by Alexander M. from Puerto Rico

HEY, KIDS!

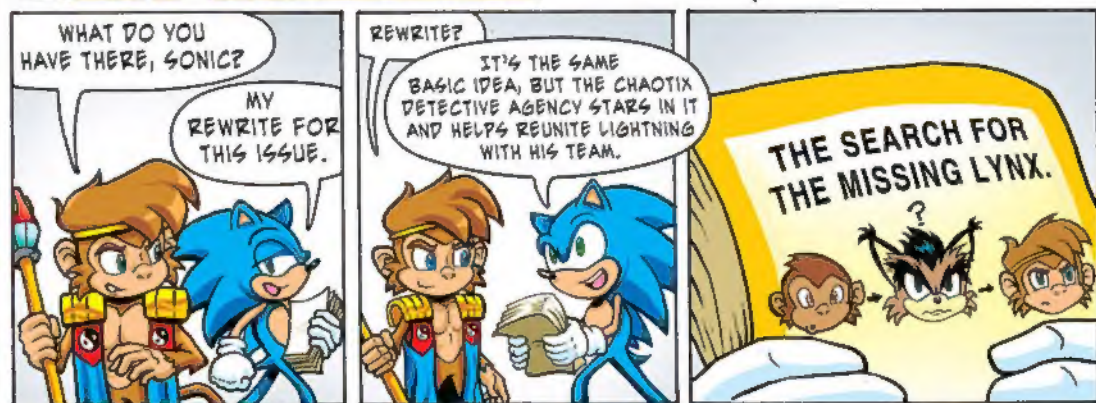
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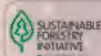
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